

WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO, BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

JUNE 3, 1997.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1020]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1020) to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, Colorado, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest having considered the same report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1020 is to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, Colorado, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

This legislation adjusts the boundary of the White River National Forest to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, Colorado, which are currently part of the Arapaho National Forest. These lands are known as the Dillon Ranger District. The White River National Forest has administered these lands for a number of years, and therefore, the inclusion of the Dillon Ranger District within the White River Forest will more accurately depict the administration of these lands. Furthermore, the inclusion should reduce confusion within the general public as to who administers the Dillon Ranger District. The legislation will not alter the

current distribution of forest receipts to the affected county governments.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1020 was introduced on March 11, 1997, by Congressman Scott McInnis (R-CO). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health. On May 6, 1997, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1020, where the Administration testified in support of H.R. 1020. On May 8, 1997, the Subcommittee met to mark up H.R. 1020. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee. On May 21, 1997, the Full Resources Committee met to consider H.R. 1020. No amendments were offered. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

H.R. 1020 specifies the boundary adjustments necessary to include the Dillon Ranger District within the White River National Forest. Additionally, the bill clarifies that the boundary adjustment shall not affect valid existing rights of persons holding any authorization, permit, option, or any other form of contract prior to enactment of this legislation. Furthermore, the legislation provides that the distribution of receipts from the Arapaho National Forest and White River National Forest to affected county governments shall be based upon the present National Forest boundaries, thus protecting the status quo of the distribution of receipts.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(l)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 and Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact H.R. 1020.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 1020. However, clause 7(d) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of

the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 1020 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 1020.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(l)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 1020 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
U.S. CONGRESS,
Washington, DC, May 28, 1997.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representative, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1020, a bill to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest in the state of Colorado to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, Colorado, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Victoria V. Heid.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

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CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1020 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. H.R. 1020 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1020 would adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest to include all National Forest System lands located in Summit County, Colorado. Those lands form the Dillon Ranger District, which is within the Arapaho National Forest. According to the Forest Service, the Dillon Ranger District is legally designated as part of the Arapaho National Forest but is currently administered as part of the White River National Forest. Thus, enacting this bill would continue existing management practices.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Victoria V. Heid. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

H.R. 1020 contains no unfunded mandates.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, H.R. 1020 would make no changes in existing law.

